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January Shows Increase in Jobs, Unemployment As Recovery Continues, New Hires, Job Seekers in Economy

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	Jan. 2013*	Jan. 2012
Bloomington-Normal	7.7%	7.9%
Champaign-Urbana	9.1%	9.0%
Chicago-Joliet-Naperville	9.9%	9.5%
Danville	11.8%	10.9%
Davenport-Moline-Rock Isl.	8.4%	8.5%
Decatur	14.0%	11.1%
Kankakee-Bradley	12.8%	12.8%
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	10.2%	10.1%
Peoria	10.0%	9.1%
Rockford	13.0%	13.2%
Springfield	8.8%	8.5%
St. Louis (IL-Section)	10.3%	10.3%

* Data subject to revision.

CHICAGO – January local unemployment rates increased in seven of 12 metro areas, decreased in three, and were unchanged in two compared to last year, according to preliminary data released today by the U.S. Department of Labor and the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES). Not seasonally adjusted data compares January 2013 to January 2012. Largest increases were in: Decatur MSA (+2.9 points to 14.0 percent), the Danville MSA (+0.9 point to 11.8 percent), and the Peoria MSA (+0.9 point to 10.0 percent). The Chicago-Joliet-Naperville Metropolitan Division rate was +0.4 point to 9.9 percent.

Jobs were added in six metro areas, declined in four and were unchanged in two. The largest increases were in: Champaign-Urbana (+2.6 percent, +2,600), Rockford (+2.0 percent, +2,800) and Chicago-Joliet-Naperville (+1.6 percent, +56,700). Industry sectors increasing in the most metro areas were Educational and Health Services (10 of 12), Financial Activities (eight of 12), Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (seven of 12), and Leisure and Hospitality (seven of 12).

“Increases in the unemployment rate and newly created jobs are expected each January. The new year encourages employers to hire and workers to re-energize their work search,” IDES Director Jay Rowell said. “We now need to better understand how the federal budget reductions through sequestration will pressure the economy, especially consumer confidence and hiring efforts.”

Not seasonally adjusted data compares the current month to the same month of the previous year. The January 2013 not seasonally adjusted Illinois rate was 10.1 percent and 12.2 percent at its peak in this economic cycle in January 2010. Nationally, the unemployment rate was 8.5 percent in January and 10.6 percent in January 2010 at its peak. The unemployment rate identifies those who are out of work and looking for work and is not tied to collecting unemployment insurance benefits.

Total Non-farm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – January 2013

Metropolitan Area	January 2013*	January 2012**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington-Normal MSA	89,500	88,300	1,200
Champaign-Urbana MSA	104,400	101,800	2,600
Chicago-Joliet-Naperville Metro Div.	3,670,600	3,613,900	56,700
Danville MSA	29,100	29,200	-100
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	179,500	177,400	2,100
Decatur MSA	50,100	52,000	-1,900
Kankakee-Bradley MSA	43,000	43,000	0
Lake County-Kenosha County Metro Div.	375,000	375,000	0
Peoria MSA	180,700	179,900	800
Rockford MSA	145,500	142,700	2,800
Springfield MSA	109,100	110,200	-1,100
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	224,600	227,000	-2,400

*Preliminary **Revised

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